



CITY SOURCE

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Lynchburg Conducting Biennial Citizen Survey

What is your opinion of the Lynchburg community? How would you rate refuse collection, snow removal or police services? Residents will find these questions and others on the City's biennial survey scheduled to begin this month. This is the sixth time that the City has contracted with the National Research Center to conduct the survey.



The survey is mailed to 1,500 randomly selected households (375 in each of the four Wards). Addresses chosen to participate will receive a notification postcard with the survey to soon follow. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey and return it by mail or complete the survey online. The survey is anonymous, and the final reports include geographic and demographic comparisons as well as benchmarking data with similar sized cities.

City Council and staff will receive the results of the survey in November 2017, and a report of the results will be presented to City Council during a work session.

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) was among the first scientific surveys to gather resident opinion on a range of community issues and has been used by more than 350 communities in 48 states. Communities using The NCS have reported that the tool improved service delivery, strengthened communications with community stakeholders, and identified clear priorities for use in strategic planning and budget setting. The NCS is the only citizen survey tool endorsed by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the National League of Cities (NLC).

September is Emergency Preparedness Month



Fall is almost here! This means more than pumpkin spice flavored everything, apple picking and football season. September is National Preparedness Month, and the approaching fall season is a great reason to make an emergency plan. Since fall is a transitional season, we have to be ready for weather hazards from both hot and cold seasons including hurricanes, wildfires, intense winds, flooding, fog/reduced visibility, hail, early season snow and more.

Fall can bring with it rainy weather, and heavy rains can be common since hurricane season continues until November. If you come across fast moving water or a flooded roadway, it is best to turn around and find another route. Stand by the "Turn Around, Don't Drown" motto.

As the days get shorter, visibility when driving in the fall can be a challenge. Mornings can be foggy because the ground is still warm but the air is cool. Slow down when driving, pay attention to postings for animal crossings, and obey school zone speed limits.

Fall foliage hikes are great, but always check the weather before heading to an outdoor adventure. If you take a hike, pack the right gear for weather changes as you increase elevation. Dress in layers, and bring a wind breaker or waterproof shell and plenty of water.

For more information about Emergency Preparedness visit the Lynchburg Department of Emergency Services online at www.lynchburgva.gov/emergency-services or on Twitter @LynchburgDES.



Templeton Senior Center Receives Award

Congratulations to the Templeton Senior Center, recipient of *OurHealth* Lynchburg and Southside magazine's Gold award for Senior Community Centers for the second year! This reader's choice award was announced in the magazine's August/September edition which features the regional 2017 Senior Living Award winners.



According to the magazine's Facebook page, "OurHealth partners with local healthcare and healthcare-related experts to deliver timely, in-depth information about local medical procedures and services, research, nutrition, fitness and human interest topics."

The Templeton Senior Center, located at 225 Wigginton Road, provides activities for active adults of all ages—not just seniors—and has been a gathering place in the community since 2004. Stop by sometime for a bridge game or perhaps a Zumba class or a book discussion! Find out more at www.lynchburgparksandrec.com.

Join us for the 20th Annual

Day at the Point

FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
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Crafts
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FROM POVERTY TO PROGRESS

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, October 5, 2017
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
E.C. Glass High School Auditorium

Mayor Joan Foster and Vice Mayor Treney Tweedy will be hosting the Poverty to Progress second community wide event. Come learn about the progress being made and hear about the actionable goals that have been identified over the summer.

Complimentary child care will be available.

All are welcome!



Vacancies on Boards and Commissions



If you are interested in serving your community, consider serving on a City council appointed board of commission.

In September 2017, there will be anticipated vacancies on several boards and commissions. Residents who are interested in being considered to fill one of the vacancies are invited to complete an application available online at www.lynchburgva.gov/boards-commissions. An application may also be obtained from the Clerk of Council Office, City Hall, 900 Church Street, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The following boards and commissions will have vacancies when terms end in September 2017:

- **Social Services Advisory Board** 2 vacancies
- **Board of Building Code Appeals** 2 vacancies
- **Redevelopment & Housing Authority** 1 vacancy (eligible to serve again)
- **Lynchburg Business Development Center** 3 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)
- **Historic Preservation Commission** 1 vacancy

Please note: Although some individuals are eligible to serve another term, there is no guarantee that the individual will be reappointed.

Main Street Bridge Project

Contractors for the City of Lynchburg will begin the demolition and rebuild of the Main Street Bridge in November 2017. Once demolition begins, there will be no vehicular or pedestrian traffic allowed across the bridge.



The City is aware that some residents in the White Rock neighborhood may depend on the bridge for pedestrian access to downtown. In order to better understand the amount of foot traffic across the Main Street Bridge and to be able to find a viable solution, residents who live in the vicinity of the Main Street Bridge are being asked to participate in a brief online survey. The survey can be accessed by going to www.surveymonkey.com/r/MainStrtBridge.

Residents without Internet access may call the City's customer service center, Citizens First at 856-2489. The deadline for survey completion is Friday, September 29.

First Friday Book Sale at Downtown Branch Library



As part of First Friday on October 6, the Lynchburg Public Library's Downtown Branch, located on the ground floor of City Hall, 900 Church Street (10th Street entrance) will host a book sale from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library.

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| • Hardback books | \$1.00 ea. |
| • Paperback books | 50¢ ea. |
| • Magazines | 10¢ ea. |

Loose Leaf Collection Begins October 30

Loose leaf collection begins October 30 for all Wards. Please rake leaves curbside but do not place in street. Leaf piles should be free of sticks, rocks, pine cones and kitties. City crews will vacuum leaves as promptly as possible. There is no charge for this service and **no phone call is necessary.**



Please Note: Bagged leaves may be placed at curbside for pick up during regular trash collection; however, you must use a prepaid City of Lynchburg Blue Bag.

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